

## AGRICULTURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTH DAKOTA

The agriculture industry is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy. These statistics are attributed to the 2019 South Dakota Agriculture Economic Contribution Study and the 2017 Census of Agriculture.



There are nearly

30,000

farms in South Dakota.

Of those farms,

83 PERCENT

are family owned & operated.

The agriculture industry contributes

132,105 JOBS

which is 22% of South Dakota's workforce,

and helps to contribute

32.5 BILLION

dollars to South Dakota's economy.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SOUTH DAKOTA RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE

U.S. Rank	Commodity & Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Bison, inventory, Census of Agriculture, 2017	30,035	head	16.3
	Sunflower, All, production, 2019	831,600,000	pounds	42.8
	Sunflower, Oil, production, 2019	782,000,000	pounds	44.8
2	Hay, Alfalfa, production, 2019	4,465,000	tons	8.1
	Honey, production, 2019	19,440,000	pounds	12.4
	Sunflower, Non-oil, production, 2019	49,600,000	pounds	25.2
3	Hay, All, production, 2019	7,003,000	tons	5.4
	Millet, Proso, production, 2019	1,482,000	bushels	8.9
	Sorghum for Grain, production, 2019	14,000,000	bushels	4.1
4	Sorghum for Silage, production, 2019	845,000	tons	21.0
	Oats, production, 2019	6,150,000	bushels	11.6
5	Beef Cows, All, inventory, January 1, 2020	1,773,000	head	5.7
	Calf Crop, January-December, 2019	1,830,000	head	5.1
	Lamb Crop, inventory, 2019	195,000	head	6.0
6	Land in Farms, 2019	43,200,000	acres	4.8
	Safflower, production, 2019	6,900,000	pounds	3.6
	Wheat, Spring, production, 2019	26,015,000	bushels	4.6
7	Peas, Dry Edible, production, 2019	330,000	cwt	1.5
	Sheep and Lambs, Market, inventory, January 1, 2020	63,000	head	4.5
	Sheep and Lambs, All, inventory, January 1, 2020	250,000	head	4.8
8	Wool, production, 2019	1,690,000	pounds	7.0
	Cattle and Calves, All, inventory, January 1, 2020	3,900,000	head	4.1
	Cattle on Feed, inventory, January 1, 2020	440,000	head	3.0
9	Corn for Grain, production, 2019	557,280,000	bushels	4.1
	Grain Storage Capacity, On Farm, December 1, 2019	730,000,000	bushels	5.4
	Cropland, total, acres, Census of Agriculture, 2017	19,813,517	acres	5.0
10	Hay, Other, production, 2019	2,538,000	tons	3.4
	Pig Crop, December 2018-November 2019	5,981,000	head	4.3
	Principal Crops Harvested, 2019	13,269,000	acres	4.7
10	Principal Crops Planted, 2019	13,816,000	acres	4.6
	Corn for Silage, production, 2019	5,950,000	tons	4.5
	Grain Storage Capacity, Off Farm, December 1, 2019	435,000,000	bushels	3.8
10	Soybeans, production, 2019	146,200,000	bushels	4.1
	Wheat, All, production, 2019	66,055,000	bushels	3.4
	Wheat, Winter, production, 2019	40,040,000	bushels	3.1

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# SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE 2020





# SOUTH DAKOTA DAIRY IS GROWING!



There are approximately 127,000 dairy cows in South Dakota. ^

Dairy cows produce up to \$564.8 million in revenue for South Dakota. ^

South Dakota milk production is up nearly 1 million pounds from last year, totaling 2.8 billion pounds of milk. ^

South Dakota produces around 265 million pounds of cheese each year.



South Dakota has 46,000 producers.

Out of 132,105 jobs in South Dakota agriculture,

- Crop production accounts for 33,617 jobs.
- Livestock production accounts for 75,516 jobs.
- Other professions, such as equipment manufacturing and veterinarian services, account for 22,972 jobs.

In 2019, South Dakota ranked 6th in the nation for ethanol production capacity.\*



## AGRICULTURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS EVERYWHERE

South Dakota agriculture supports a majority of the state's workforce. This publication highlights the production that took place in 2020 and the work South Dakota producers and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture have accomplished together.



# CONSERVATION & FORESTRY



Over the past 26 years, the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation grant

- Funded 650 projects such as plant shelterbelts, water development, cover crops, and more.
- Over \$21.8 million in grant funds have been awarded to South Dakota's conservation districts.

The Resource Conservation and Forestry division provides a number of services including responding to sick tree calls from individuals and communities, advising on forest management, public management, and offering educational outreach opportunities.



There have been 87 community street tree inventories that have been compiled by the Urban and Community Forestry team. These street tree inventories help to identify over 105,000 trees across the state, which is one of the most important part of developing a response plan to pests and diseases.

Unless otherwise cited, all facts are from the National Agricultural Statistics Services of the USDA or the 2019 South Dakota Agriculture Economic Contribution Study and the 2017 Census of Agriculture.  
\*United States Energy Information Administration  
^as of July 2020